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## **THE KNGA FALL MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011**

**A Date to Remember:** The Kentucky Nut Growers Association fall meeting will be held on Saturday, **October 22, 2011** at the Daviess County Extension Office in Owensboro, KY. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am CDT. The Daviess County Extension Office is located on the Owensboro Community and Technical College campus, US 231 (New Hartford Road) south of Owensboro. From US60 Bypass, go south on US231 approximately 1.5 to 2 miles. At the third stoplight, turn right into the Owensboro Community College entrance located across from Deer Park Elementary School. Once on campus, a driveway turns off to the left, which runs beside the Community College parking lots. Follow this driveway over the hill and the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Office building is located behind OCTC parking lots. The luncheon will be potluck and there will be a kitchen available to heat up lunch items. Please bring items for the fall auction! For more information about KNGA contact Dan Ganno at (270) 860-8362 or [danganno@yahoo.com](mailto:danganno@yahoo.com).

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## **Registration for The Third International Pawpaw Conference**

**By Kirk W. Pomper  
Principal Investigator of Horticulture-Kentucky State University**

The Third International Pawpaw Conference will be held September 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Frankfort, Kentucky. The Conference will be sponsored by Kentucky State University, the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association and the PawPaw Foundation. The Conference will feature “Pawpaws Around the World” (a discussion of national and international pawpaw variety trials), pawpaw processing and marketing advances, as well as talks and poster sessions about pawpaw research, extension, and entrepreneurial activities. The Conference will include a “Pawpaw Culinary Extravaganza” featuring pawpaw menu items from chefs, as well as other unique Kentucky cuisine. The Conference will have a number of invited speakers; however, there will also be a poster session and show-and-tell session about pawpaw for participants. The Conference will be limited to 180 attendees. The deadline for pre-registration for \$80 will be **August 20, 2011**. For registration information please go to our website at <http://www.pawpaw.kysu.edu/3rdinternationalpawpawconference.htm> or write Dr. Kirk Pomper, Kentucky State University, 129 Atwood Research Facility, Frankfort, KY 40601, or call 502-597-6174. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

### **Preliminary Schedule of Events**

#### **Friday Morning: KSU Extension Building**

**Registration** (8:00-9:00 am)

**Introduction to the Conference** (9:00-9:30 am)

Dr. Kimberly Holmes – Interim Director of Land Grant Programs; Dr. Ron Powell – President, Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association; Mr. Neal Peterson – President, PawPaw Foundation; Dr. Kirk W. Pomper – Principal Investigator of Horticulture, KSU

**Advances in Pawpaw Processing: Presentations and Roundtable** (9:30-10:45 am)

Dr. Patrick O’Malley, Iowa State University Extension Service; Ms. Sheri Crabtree, KSU; Dr. Ron Powell, Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association; Plus other speakers...

**Break** (10:45-11:00 am)

**State and Country Pawpaw Grower Reports** (11:00-12:00 pm)

Reports from those attending the Conference

**Friday Lunch: Provided in the KSU Extension Building** (12 Noon-1:00 pm)

#### **Friday Afternoon: KSU Extension Building**

**Nursery Reports: Availability of New Varieties and Propagation** (1:00-1:45 pm)

Mr. John Brittain, Nolin River Nut Tree Nursery, Upton, KY; Mr. Jim Gilbert, Northwoods Wholesale Nursery, Molalla, OR, and other speakers...

**Pawpaw Entrepreneurial Reports** (1:45 -2:30 pm)

Mr. Ken Waters, Shelby County, KY, Milton B. Parker, Jr., Columbus & Robeson Counties, NC,

**Break** (2:30-2:45 pm)

**Submitted Talks on Pawpaw (2:45-5:00 pm)**

Dr. Florin Stanica, University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Romania  
Mr. Woody Walker, Richmond, KY.  
Mr. Dan Bissonnette, The Naturalized Habitat Network  
Dr. Robert Brannan, Ohio University  
Dr. Kirk Pomper, Kentucky State University  
Plus other speakers....

**Dinner on your own at the Asian Buffet and Grill (6:00 pm)**

**Saturday Morning: KSU Farm**

**Registration (8:00-9:00 am)**

**Growing Pawpaw in Kentucky (9:00-9:45 am)**

Dr. Kirk W. Pomper – Principal Investigator of Horticulture, KSU

**Grower Presentations and Round Table (9:45-11:00 am)**

Dale Brooks, Decatur, AL  
Michael Williams, Mocksville, NC  
Dr. Ron Powell, President, Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association  
Mr. Neal Peterson, President, PawPaw Foundation  
Ms. Ilze Sillers, Versailles, KY

**Cultivar Tasting (11:00 am – 12 Noon)**

**Lunch: Provided at the KSU Farm (12 Noon-1:00 pm)**

**Simina – A New Pawpaw Variety (1:00-1:30 pm)**

Dr. Florin Stanica, University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Romania

**An Update on Growing Pawpaws in Europe (1:30-2:00 pm)**

Mr. Neal Peterson – President, PawPaw Foundation

**Pawpaw Breeding Goals, Surprises and Disappointments (2:00-2:30 pm)**

Mr. Jerry Lehman, Terre Haute, Indiana

**Break (2:30-2:45 pm)**

**Participant Topics including Additional Pawpaw Trials and Marketing (2:45-4:00 pm)**

Dr. Florin Stanica, Pawpaw Germplasm in Romania  
Mr. Jeremy Lowe, Pawpaw Pests  
Plus other speakers....

**Tours of Orchards at the KSU Farm (4:00-6:00 pm)**

Station One: The Regional Variety Trial (Mr. Neal Peterson)  
Station Two: Pests and Diseases of Pawpaw (Mr. Jeremy Lowe)  
Station Three: KSU Advanced Selections (Ms. Sheri Crabtree)  
Station Four: Establishing New Pawpaw Orchards (Dr. Kirk Pomper)

**Pawpaw Smoothies followed by the Pawpaw Extravaganza Dinner (6:00 pm)**



# The Third International Pawpaw Conference

September 9-10, 2011, Frankfort, Kentucky

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/province: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

University or Company Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if member of:  Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association, or  PawPaw Foundation

Name you would like on name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's name on tag, if attending: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Fees per person:</b>	<b>OPGA/PPF Member</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>
Registration for one person (includes Pawpaw Extravaganza Dinner)	\$75.00	\$80.00
Additional Guest Registration (includes Pawpaw Extravaganza Dinner)	\$65.00	\$70.00
Pawpaw Extravaganza Dinner only	\$40.00	\$40.00
Optional scholarship contribution to support overseas speakers	\$_____	\$_____
<b>Total tendered:</b>		

**Pre-Registration is required before the meeting and must be paid by August 20, 2011. Mail this form and check made payable to The Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association (do not send cash) to: Ms. Susan Templeton/Conference Registration, Atwood Research Facility, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY 40601**

### **Spring KNGA Meeting a Success**

The Spring KNGA meeting was held at the Hardin County Extension Office on April 23, 2011. Approximately 100 people attended the meeting and there were many excellent lunch and auction items for those who attended. Dr. Ric Bessin, of the University of Kentucky, was our guest speaker and he gave an excellent presentation about stinkbugs in Kentucky. During the KNGA Board meeting, Danny Ganno was nominated and elected President to take over for outgoing President Carl Ray. The treasurer reported that the society is in good shape with about 177 members and that we had about \$7,500 in funds on hand. Major expenditures each year have been the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and costs associated with the meetings. The opportunities for members of having nut entries at the Kentucky State Fair were discussed. Carl was thanked for his excellent service as KNGA President.

### **Annual Dues Information:**

**the year listed immediately after your address label indicates the year through which your membership dues are paid. Please note that dates highlighted in pink indicate that your KNGA membership is past due. Please renew your membership. Thanks!**

### **Eastern Filbert Blight Resistant Hazelnut Trial established at KSU, WKU, and UK, as well as Eight KNGA Growers sites this Spring**

**By Kirk W. Pomper  
Principal Investigator of Horticulture-Kentucky State University**

The European hazelnut has larger sized nuts than the American hazelnut and is a potential new high-value crop for Kentuckiana's small farmers for in-shell nut sales at farmers' markets and shelled nuts in value-added products. In 2010, Kentucky State University acquired small plants of five Eastern Filbert Blight (EFB) resistant hazelnut cultivars: 'Jefferson', 'Yamhill', 'Gamma', 'Eta', and 'Theta' that were propagated in tissue culture by North American Plants, Inc. (Lafayette, Oregon; <http://www.naplants.com>). These trees were transplanted into one gallon tree pots and the trees grown up to about 3 feet tall in the KSU greenhouses to increase tree size for planting the following spring. These hazelnut varieties were released by Oregon State University and are immune to EFB. The selections 'Jefferson' and 'Yamhill' are main crop cultivars, whereas the other selections are mainly considered pollinizers; however, they will also produce harvestable crops. The cultivars 'Jefferson', 'Eta', and 'Theta' bloom late and may avoid late season frosts/freezing events in our region.

This spring, a replicated hazelnut trial with the five EFB resistant hazelnut selections was planted at KSU, Western Kentucky University (Dr. Martin Stone), and University of Kentucky in Quicksand (Dr. Shawn Wright). Additionally, trials of the five EFB hazelnut cultivars were distributed to eight nut growers in Kentucky and Indiana (Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Ray, Mr. Hedgespeth, Mr. Brittain, Mr. Henson, Mr. Hines, and Ms. Day). Data will be collected for tree vigor, winter injury (both to trunk and flowers), pests and diseases, bloom dates, nut weight, harvest date, and yield at the various sites. These trees were selected in the Willamette

Valley in Oregon and were not specifically selected for winter hardiness in the Kentuckiana region; therefore, the critical winter temperatures for tree damage are not known. Additionally, it is not known if these varieties will flower early in the spring and be damaged by frost events. If you are interested in learning more about the EFB hazelnut trial, please contact Kirk Pomper at 502-597-5942 of [kirk.pomper@kysu.edu](mailto:kirk.pomper@kysu.edu).



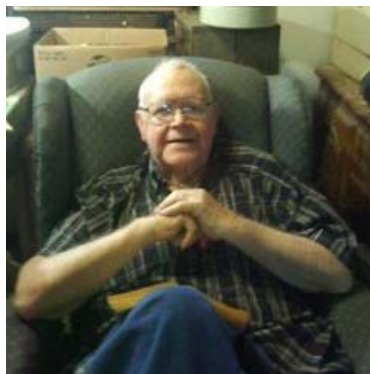
Mr. Jacob Botkins planting a hazelnut tree at KSU.



Hazelnuts from the cultivars ‘Barcelona’ (was industry standard in Oregon; far left in the photo), ‘Jefferson’ (new EFB resistant selection, lower center), ‘Eta’ (EFB resistant pollinizer with a nice nut; far right), and ‘Yamhill’ (EFB resistant selection, upper center)

## **OBITUARIES**

### **Edward Patrick Canty** **February 5, 1916 - May 7, 2011**



Edward P. Canty, 95, long time member of the Kentucky Nut Growers Association, retired Postal Supervisor and Woodford County farmer, widower of Doris Smith Canty, died Saturday, May 7 at Taylor Manor Nursing Home. Born Feb. 5, 1916 in Woodford County, he was a son of the late Patrick John and Margaret Daisey Canty. He was a World War II veteran of the U. S. Army, a Disabled American Veteran, and member of the Woodford County Cattleman's Association. He was well known for growing nut bearing trees. Survivors include a daughter, Chris Canty (Mrs. Bill) Hall of Chandler, AZ, three sons, Michael Canty, David Canty, Paul Canty, all of Woodford Co., four grandchildren, Shawn Canty of Woodford Co., Elizabeth Hall (Mrs. John) Cox, Victoria Hall, and Alexandra Hall, all of AZ. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Loretto Canty and Virginia Canty, and a cousin who was raised like a brother, Joseph Webb. A Funeral Mass was held on May 14 at St. Leo Catholic Church with Fr. Danny Schwendeman officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Lexington. Pallbearers were Michael Canty, David Canty, Shawn Canty, Elizabeth Cox, Victoria Hall, and Alexandra Hall. Honorary pallbearers were John Cox, Scott Gardner, and Tommy Webb. Memorials are suggested to St. Leo School, 295 Huntertown Road, Versailles, KY 40383.

### **Dorothy Ann Smith Meyer** **February 20, 1927 – January 3, 2011**



MEYER, DOROTHY ANN SMITH, 83, of Prospect, KY, longtime member of the Kentucky Nut Growers Association, passed away Monday, January 3, 2011 in Louisville. Born in Woodford County on February 20, 1927, she was the daughter of the late S. Pearl and Jeff D. Smith and was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas A. Meyer. Mrs. Meyer was a graduate of the Nazareth School of Nursing in Lexington and pursued post-graduate work at Columbia University. She served in the Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and was a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington. She was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Hurstbourne Country Club, Kentucky Colonel Club, D.A.R. - John Marshall Society, and a worker for the Red Cross. Aside from her husband, Mrs. Meyer was also preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Smith; and two brothers, Philip Smith and Jeff D. Smith. She is survived by two daughters, Cassandra Clay Davies (David) and grandchildren Thomas, Samantha, and Alexandra of Hollidaysburg, PA; and Elise Allen Ball (Bill) and grandchildren Noah, Nathan and Nicolas of Louisville; a son, Philip Thomas Meyer (Stephanie) and grandchildren Kristina and Kendall of Tallahassee, FL; and a sister, Peggy Smith Jones, of LaGrange, KY.

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**FIRST CLASS**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
KENTUCKY NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**TO: David Leeper  
2209 Middleground Dr.  
Owensboro, KY 42301**

**DATE \_\_\_\_\_**

**NEW MEMBER**

**RENEWAL**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_**

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**CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_**

**OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMT. ENCLOSED FOR DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YEAR(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dues are \$5.00 for one year. Annual membership begins January 1<sup>st</sup>. New members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> shall be credited as paid in full for the next calendar year.) For additional information about joining KNGA, please contact Mr. David Leeper at (270) 929-2968.**